MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Early in 1107.

(*c*) In a temporary shed.

(*d*) The construction of a new building for the school has been sanctioned by the Government.

Agricultural Conference held at Quilon.

25. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Agriculture has submitted a report to Government as the result of the conference held at Quilon this year (1110):

(*b*) the recommendations contained in that report; and

(*c*) the action taken by Government on such report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The recommendations are under the consideration of Government and cannot be disclosed at this stage.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAM PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the date on which this report was submitted by the Director of Agriculture to Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): 10th May.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether these recommendations have not been made for the agricultural advancement of the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether such recommendations are of a confidential nature?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are not confidential.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Then may I know from the Government why it is stated, in answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*) of the question, that the recommendations cannot be disclosed at this stage?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are being considered by Government and before the consideration is over it is not thought proper to disclose them.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the reason why it is stated in the answer that the recommendations cannot be disclosed at this stage?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Only after Government have gone through all the recommendations can they be given out.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know how Government are able to know the public opinion on these recommendations if they are not disclosed at present?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When Government think it is necessary to invite the opinion of the public on any recommendation, it will be published and the opinion of the public asked for.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Government would like to know the public opinion on these recommendations before passing final orders on them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It depends upon the nature of the recommendations. After consideration, Government may or may not ask for public opinion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the nature of the recommendations contained in the report of the Director of Agriculture ?

PRESIDENT It is asking again to repeat the recommendations.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHAN MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether any one of the recommendations have been so far accepted by the Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know which recommendation has been accepted by the Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The recommendation for creating a Board has been approved and provision for the same is included in the Budget for next year.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether the report was considered by Government as a whole or piecemeal?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There are several recommendations in the report, and some have been considered and final conclusion arrived at. Others are being considered.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether any recommendation has been given effect to so far ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : Did the Government think that the publication of this report will be prejudicial in the interests of Government.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Only after going through and studying the report Government can say whether it is useful or not.

PRESIDENT : The answer is not that Government refuse to publish the report ; but the answer is that it is not at a stage when it can be published. Let us assume that it will be published.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : Will not the Government be in a better position to pass orders after the publication is made.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Sir, is it not a matter of opinion ?

PRESIDENT : That is right.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether the conference was called together at the instruction of the Government or on the Director's own initiative ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : With the approval of Government.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the suggestion of the Director was only approved of or whether Government had to give any suggestions ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Director suggested it and Government approved it.

Improvement of irrigation tanks in Kizhuvalom pakuthi.

26. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Kizhuvalom *pakuthi*, Chirayinkil taluk, regarding improvement of irrigation tanks in that *pakuthi* ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in that matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) ; (*a*) No. But the Division Officer, Irrigation Division, has received a petition.

(*b*) Investigation is being conducted.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know from the member whether the Division Officer, Irrigation Division, has visited the *pakuthi* ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I cannot tell you that ; but I can tell you this that investigation is being made for restoring the tanks by the Sub-Division Officer of the Irrigation Division.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Then what is meant by saying that the investigation was being conducted without the receipt of any petition?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I did not say that he did not receive any petition. What I said was I do not know if the Irrigation Division Officer had visited the *pakuthi*.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : My question is whether he has investigated a petition received from the inhabitants of Kizhuvalom *pakuthi*.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The question was " Had the Division Officer visited the *pakuthi* ? " ; and my answer was "I do not know."

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : Then may I know what he meant by saying that investigation is being conducted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Investigation is being conducted by the Sub-Division Officer.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know whether any investigation is being conducted with regard to the Kizhuvalom *pakuthi* ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, the question was regarding a petition from the inhabitants of that locality and the reply was that a petition had been received by the Irrigation Division Officer and investigations are being carried out by a Sub-Division Officer of the Irrigation Division.

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